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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether Vôda Revu in the Guntur district was appealed to be converted as a foreign port?"

The hon. the President:—"The question does not arise out of this question."

Irrigation

Failure of water-supply in the Cumbum tank, Kurnool district.

* 495 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Cumbum tank (Kurnool) was supplying water for double-crops till recent years but that it now hardly supplies water for one crop every year;

(*b*) what the reasons are for the failure of proper supply of water to this tank;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a number of small ponds have been constructed in recent years in the big basin of this tank resulting in the obstruction of water flowing into this tank; and

(*d*) what the number is of such ponds and who ordered their construction?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following papers[a] are placed on the table:—

Chief Engineer's letter, dated 21st September 1931.

Proceedings of the Irrigation Development Board, No. 41, dated 13th October 1931.

Chief Engineer's letter, dated 22nd January 1932.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not the information. The Collector reported in October 1931 that, during his inspection about that time, he found that in some places in the bed of the tank there was high ground near the bund and that there were many pools of water beyond them indicating that the ground there was very low, but that the surface drainage from the lands cultivated higher up in the tank-bed tended to fill up the shallows gradually. The construction of ponds in the tank-bed could not have been authorized. The Government will, however, make enquiries.

Preventive measures against submergence of Oobrapalayam, Kilanur.

* 496 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the result of the enquiry promised to be made in answer to question No. 316, dated 5th August 1921;

(*b*) whether the submerging of the Oobrapalayam of Kilanur and its suburbs during the floods of 1930 was due to the absence of a diversion bund; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to prevent such recurrence of overflow?

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A.—(a) Enquiry showed that the surplus of the Kilanur tank flowed over the fields, joined the Kattangal and eventually entered the Karikalavakkam tank, that all the surplus of the tank could not be diverted to the Karikalavakkam tank direct without damage to the lands under the Kilanur tank to the north of the road and that a diversion bund was never in existence. The Executive Engineer took the ryots to the place and explained the position.

(b) No. It was due to the unusual floods caused by the cyclone of 1930.

(c) There are no proposals to prevent recurrence of such overflow. The direction of flow is understood to be 'mamool' and consequently in extraordinary floods the spill over the area cannot be avoided.

Land Revenue Administration

Proceedings of the Conference of the landholders of South Kanara held at Puttur, on 3rd December 1933.

* 497 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolutions and the proceedings of the Conference of the landholders of South Kanara held at Puttur on 3rd December 1933; and

(b) what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the same?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) They are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether the Government have now arrived at any decision?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The resolutions in question related to various subjects like resettlement, revenue remissions, forest grievances and I think, other matters which I cannot remember at the present moment. I have stated that these matters are under the consideration of the Government. As regards revenue remission, an announcement has already been made. As regards resettlement, the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Imposition of a uniform water-rate on lands under the Polavaram project.

* 498 *Q.*—Mr. K. Kesavaramamurti Nayudu:—"Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) with reference to the answer at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 18th March 1933 that 'the water-rate imposed under a project depends mainly upon the cost incurred in the supply of water' and that 'the commercial value of water can scarcely be fixed with